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TOPIC Engineer Exercises in the Leisnig Area

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1. During the night on 20 July 1953, a pontoon bridge with wooden joints was constructed across the Mulde River by an engineer unit about 7 km northwest of the barracks installations in Leisnig. At about 4 a.m. on 21 July, the exercise was completed and the unit left toward southeast.
2. On 21 July, the west section of the Tuemlitz forest was occupied by a Soviet unit. All roads to and in the woods were blocked. Sentries observed wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Materiel observed included 85 trucks with pontoons, 11 trucks occupied by troops, beams, prefabricated corduroy road sections and light engineer equipment; and 2 crane trucks. During the night on 21 July, the unit left toward southeast.
3. Local residents from the vicinity of Leisnig stated that, on 21 and 22 July, major columns of Soviet troops continually left toward southeast. Subsequently, all was quiet.

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1. Comment. This information supplements a report by the same source. See . Information in the present report indicates that the engineer exercises in the area west of Leisnig on the Mulde River, which started on 9 July, were completed on 21 July. The fact that the troops left toward southeast tends to indicate that the engineer elements returned to their units at the Koenigsbrueck training grounds by road via Dresden.

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